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SUBJECT: AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION DONORS' CONFERENCE

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1. JOINT COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
UNITY (OAU) AND AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION (AFCAC)
MET IN DAKAR FEBRUARY 8 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR CONVENING
DONORS' CONFERENCE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR COMPREHENSIVE
AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING PROGRAM, AS ENVISAGED
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REFTEL. ACCORDING AFCAC SECRETARY-GENERAL EDOUARD LOMBOLOU,
DATES OF DONORS' CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN FIXED FOR JUNE 5-7
IN GENEVA. MEETING WILL BE CO-SPONSORED BY OAU, AFCAC,
ICAO AND UNDP. LOMBOLOU INDICATED FINAL DOSSIERS WERE
NOW BEING PREPARED BY ICAO, AND INVITATIONS TO PROSPEC-
TIVE DONORS WOULD BE CIRCULATED IN MARCH. HE SAID
PARTICIPATION OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND OTHER MULTINATIONAL

DONORS, AS WELL AS POTENTIAL BILATERAL SOURCES, PRESUMABLY INCLUDING US, WOULD BE SOLICITED.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM LOCAL ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE IN DAKAR THAT THIS INITIATIVE IS BASED ON EXTENSIVE STUDY OF AFRICAN AVIATION MANPOWER NEEDS CARRIED OUT BY ICAO AND UNDP, WHICH LED TO AFCAC PROPOSAL FOR \$82 MILLION SYSTEM OF NEW OR EXPANDED CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING SCHOOLS, INCLUDING FACILITIES IN GABON AND ETHIOPIA AND POSSIBLY NIGER. UN REPORTEDLY TURNED DOWN AFCAC'S REQUEST TO FUND SCHEME OUTRIGHT, OFFERING ONLY ABOUT \$3 MILLION, PROMPTING RECOURSE TO IDEA OF DONORS' CONFERENCE.

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